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SUBJECT: 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO: ITEM 54:

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF STAFF: REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR

GENERAL (19 C/60)

1. DEPT. HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED CONTENTS OF SUBJECT DOCUMENT AND PERM DEL SHOULD CONTINUE TO GO ON RECORD THAT THE USG STRONGLY OPPOSES INCREASE IN LOWEST QUOTAS FROM 2-3 TO 3-5 WHICH WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING EFFECT: THERE ARE 101 COUNTRIES WITH MINIMUM RANGE OF 2-3. THUS, AT PRESENT 202-303 POSTS (MIDPOINT 252.5) ARE RESERVED FOR THESE COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, SHOULD 3-5 BE SET AS THE MINIMUM RANGE, 303-505 POSTS (MIDPOINT 404) WOULD HAVE TO BE RESERVED. THE NUMBER OF POSTS SUBJECT TO GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION IS SET AT 900. SUBTRACTING FROM THIS NUMBER OF POSTS ALLOCATED

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TO THE LOWEST CONTRIBUTORS, CALCULATED ON THE BASIS OF THE

MIDPOINT, ONLY 496 POSTS WOULD REMAIN TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES BASED ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUDGET. THEREFORE, IN THE CASE OF THE U. S. WHICH CURRENTLY HAS A MIDPOINT (AND MAXIMUM RANGE) OF 171, 25 PERCENT OF THE 496 REMAINING POSTS WOULD EQUAL 124 AND OUR RANGE WOULD BE 93-124 AS OPPOSED TO THE PRESENT RANGE OF 128-171. SINCE WE PRESENTLY HAVE 106 U. S. NATIONALS ON BOARD, UNESCO WOULD CONSIDER U. S. "WITHIN RANGE" AND ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS OF AMERICANS WOULD BE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.

2. OTHER LARGE CONTRIBUTORS WILL BE SIMILARLY AFFECTED ADVERSELY BY ANY MOVE TO RAISE MINIMUM RANGE TO 3-5 AND SHOULD AGAIN BE APPRISED OF CONSEQUENCES SO THEY CAN OPPOSE MOVE WHEN IT IS PRESENTED TO GC.

3. USDEL SHOULD CONTINUE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DG GIVE PREFERENCE, QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES BEING EQUAL, TO CANDIDATES FROM UNREPRESENTED OR UNDERREPRESENTED MEMBER STATES AND AVOID AS FAR AS POSSIBLE APPOINTING CANDIDATES FROM THOSE COUNTRIES WHOSE CONSIDERABLE OVER-REPRESENTATION IN NUMBERS MAY CONSTITUTE AN OBSTACLE TO IMPROVEMENT OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT AS A WHOLE. KISSINGER

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